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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 23/10/2023.

The Board decided to allow the appeal and refuse permission for the licence, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the policies of the Cork City Development Plan 2022 - 2028, the government's guidelines on Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DoE, 1996, the location of the proposed development approximately six metres distant from an existing telecommunications structure and associated cabinet located to the west of the application site, it is considered that insufficient technical justification and evidence has been provided in respect of alternative sites to support the location of the development. Section 11.253 Telecommunications Structures of the City Development plan 2022 – 2028 states: "The co-location of existing structures is encouraged and the construction of any new antennae or structure will only be considered when co-location is not a feasible option. Any proposal for a new structure or antennae should detail the requirements for the infrastructure and if so, why co-location is not feasible". It is considered, therefore, that the proposed development would be contrary to the City Development Plan policy and to government's guidelines, and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member Eamonn James Kelly Date: 23/10/2023
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